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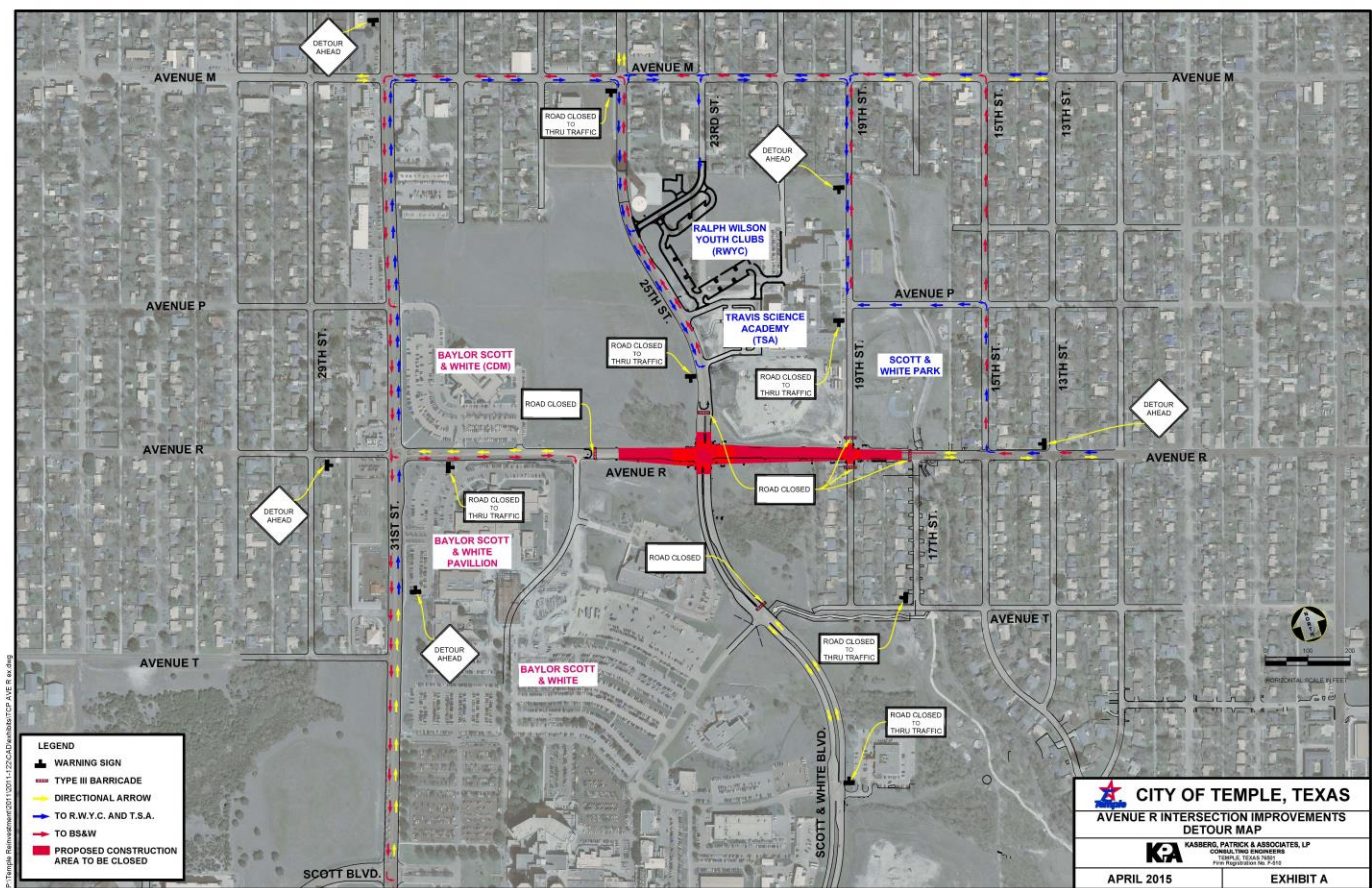
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Temporary Closure of portion of Avenue R in TMED Zone

TEMPLE, TX – (May 8, 2015) Avenue R, just east of SW West Loop continuing through the intersections of 25th Street (Scott & White Boulevard) and 19th Street, will be closed to allow for the reconstruction of the road to include road widening and dedicated right and left turn lanes at the 25th Street intersection. Effective immediately, this portion of Avenue R will be closed for approximately four months. There is a detour route utilizing 15th Street and Avenue M for westbound Avenue R traffic and 31st Street and Avenue M for eastbound Avenue R traffic. All entrances to Baylor, Scott & White facilities will remain open.

Nicole Torralva, P.E., the City's Public Works director comments "this capital project is an important part of the overall vision of TMED, enhancing the transportation system in and around key community facilities. Led by the Reinvestment Zone, this and other projects in and around Temple's important medical facilities are integral in shaping future transportation connections. We are pleased to see these improvements being made across our community." Enhanced turn movements and multi modal components such as sidewalks and hike and bike trails have been incorporated into the design along Avenue R.

See detour map below.



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